

Development of Significance Criteria



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Evaluation of Alternatives

- ◆ **Alternatives will be compared to the Existing Conditions and No Action Alternative to determine both beneficial and adverse impacts**
- ◆ **The impacts will be compared with "Significance Criteria" to determine if mitigation measures are required - in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)**

Proposed Method to Determine Significance

- ◆ **Use Appendix G of CEQA Guidelines**
- ◆ **Eliminate Appendix G Criteria that do not apply to the Salton Sea Ecosystem Restoration Plan**
 - "soils incapable of ...supporting the use of septic tanks"
- ◆ **Add additional criteria - such as:**
 - "create sufficient mosquito habitat to pose public health threat"
- ◆ **Need to consider both primary and secondary impacts**

Next Steps

- ◆ **Appendix G is provided in Handouts**
- ◆ **Proposed Significance Criteria will be Provided Prior to the December 8 Advisory Committee Meeting**
- ◆ **Discuss comments, if any, at December 8 Advisory Committee**